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SCORE LAG IN HOUSING CONSTRUCTION;
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WORKERS' HOUSING NOT AVAILABLE AS PROMISED -- Tirana, Puna, 15 Sep 50

The housing promised in the contracts signed by the labor unions and the directors of industrial enterprises is not being provided as it should be. The building of workers' and miners' housing is slow. The directors claim shortages of materials and manpower, etc., and the housing is not ready when promised.

The contract signed at the Bulqize mine called for the construction of two buildings to house 192 workers by the end of August, but only one had been finished by 15 September. The workers were crowded into the existing buildings, and some newcomers had to double up with other people elsewhere.

Several barrack-type dwellings were to have been built by 30 June 1950 at the sawmills in Korce, Vithkuq, Strelce, and Pogradec, but none has yet been built. There was no reason why they should not have been built; they would have been simple to construct. However, the unions and management failed to take action.

According to the contract, ten apartment houses for workers' families were to have been built at the Kucove petroleum enterprise during the second quarter 1950, but work had not begun over 2 months later.

Workers' housing at the Rrubig, Selenice, and Memalias-Tepelene mines, the Pukes sawmill, the Rrogozhine Oil and Soap Works, and elsewhere is also lagging behind schedule.

Shortages of workers' housing cause many newcomers to leave their jobs after a short period and return to the farm. -- Jorgji Shuli

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OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FOREIGN STUDY -- Tirana, Zeri i Popullit, 14 Sep 50

The Ministry of Industry is offering scholarships for technical study in the USSR and people's democracies in the following fields: electricity (for the Selite power plant), textile technology (wool), cement, cableway engineering, foundry and workshop technique, boilers, turning, high-tension electrical engineering, cigarette manufacture, tobacco curing, vegetable oils, cardboard manufacture, forging, rubber, pottery, rope-making, extracting tannin, etc.

The scholarships provide one to 2 years of study.

Applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 30, in good health.

500 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEXTILE WORKERS -- Tirana, Zeri i Popullit, 6 Sep 50

Because of the great shortage of skilled workers for the textile industry, a one-year technical school will be opened on 1 November at the Stalin Combine. The Ministry of Industry is offering 500 scholarships for study at this school.

Applicants must have completed elementary school. They must give evidence of good moral character, political attitudes, and good health. They must be between the ages of 16 and 30. Women are preferred.

Applications must be in the hands of the Executive Committee by 20 September 1950.

Successful applicants will be provided with board, room, and work clothes.

INCREASE SOCIAL SECURITY EXPENDITURES -- Tirana, Bashkimi, 7 Sep 50

Tirana, 6 September (Albanian Telegraphic Agency) -- Expenditures for the social security of Albanian workers during the first half of 1950 approached the total spent for this purpose during all of 1949. During the first half of this year, 61,099,881 lek were spent on medical treatment for workers, pensions to disabled workers, leave for women 7 months pregnant, vacation pay, cultural activities, and sports. Of this sum, 17,609,207 lek were spent on pensions to disabled workers, 4,355,885 on maternity leave, 26,367,908 on vacations for 5,000 workers and 500 of their children, and 5,621,375 on equipment for cultural and sports activities.

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